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THE GREAT BATTLE IN BELGIUM.

ALLIES MAKE GOOD PROGRESS

LONDON, Aug. 16,
1.35 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The Canadians, this morning, stormed the positions to the south east and to the east of Loos, on a front of two miles. They carried the formidable defences of Hill 70, which, since September 1916, when it resisted our attacks, have been strengthened by every device.

After storming the first trench system on the whole front, we advanced as far as the western defences of Cite St. Auguste, penetrating to a depth of a mile and taking possession of Cite St. Elizabeth, Cite St. Emille, Cite St. Laurens, Bois Rose and the western half of Bois Hugo.

We captured all our objectives, and our casualties are slight.

We repulsed five counter attacks, one of which was carried out by Prussian Guards.

The enemy's losses are very heavy and 282 prisoners have already reached the collecting stations.

We completely repulsed an attack in the neighbourhood of the Pilkem-Lange mark road.

We brought down nine German aeroplanes and drove down five. Seven of ours are missing, two of them being overtaken by a violent storm.

LONDON, Aug. 16,
3.30 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The Allies, this morning, again attacked on a wide front, to the east and north of Ypres. There was heavy fighting, and we are progressing at all points, despite stubborn resistance.

We repulsed three more counter attacks, last night, against our new positions on the Lens battlefield.

Our artillery broke up a concentration near Cite St. Auguste.

THE FRENCH REPORT.

ALL OBJECTIVES CARRIED.

LONDON, Aug. 16,
1.35 a.m.

A French communiqué reports:—

There were artillery duels in Belgium to the north of the Aisne, in Champagne, on both banks of the Meuse and in Upper Alsace.

LONDON, Aug. 16,
4.35

A French communiqué states:—

In Belgium, after violent and thorough artillery preparation, we attacked at dawn in conjunction with the British army on our right. The infantry superbly assaulted the enemy positions on both sides of the Steenstraete-Dixmude road, carrying all its objectives. We crossed the Steenbeek and are progressing on the right bank, in contact with the British.

A vigorous attack to the south of Ailles, carried a solid enemy trench system on a front of a kilometre. Four enemy counterattacks were easily repulsed. So far, we have taken 120 prisoners.

During our attack on the Ailles and Hurlbise sectors, aeroplanes flying low despite bad weather, accompanied the infantry and machine-gunned the enemy dug-outs and reserves.

LANGEMARCK CAPTURED.

LONDON, August 16.

Mr. Lloyd George announced that Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig had captured Langemarck taking 1,200 prisoners and five guns.

(Langemarck is north of Ypres and south of Dixmude.)

TEN COUNTER-ATTACKS BEATEN OFF IN ONE DAY.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing at 4.45 this morning, state that the British and French renewed the offensive in Flanders, attacking from the region opposite the famous Polygon-de-Zonnebeke in the south, to the left of the French positions in the north. The heavy gunning all night swelled to great intensity as the time for launching the assault drew near. The weather, save for light showers, was tolerably clear. By the way, our men are laughingly predicting the end of the Hun's luck in the matter of weather, since the other day we captured one of the meteorological experts of the German Army.

It is too early yet to gather reliable details of the fighting. That the battle will be desperately contested is assumed by the great strength of the reserves thrown in in this portion of Prince Rupprecht's group.

Between the early morning and 10 o'clock last night, the Canadians beat off no fewer than ten German counter-attacks and have still retained the whole of the captured ground.

FOURTH PRUSSIAN GUARDS VIRTUALLY ANNIHILATED.

As the enemy's reserves had to advance over open ground, they suffered heavy casualties. Perhaps the most terrible experience was that of the Fourth Prussian Guards, who seem to have been specially retained as a counter-attacking force. They moved forward late in the afternoon to assemble for attack on ground that was swept by our artillery. They actually came in battalions marching four deep. Our machineguns also did terrible work amongst them and although the Division marched on, the men never seemed to get nearer to our line. Meanwhile the corpses were piling up in an appalling manner.

These Prussians certainly marched to their death like soldiers and when they at last halted and retired there was so little left of the Division that it may truly be said that they were virtually annihilated.

Our own casualties, down to last night were light, considering the character of the fighting.

The enemy's artillery has been in tense and was directed by his aeroplanes, which were more than usually adventurous.

The coloured balls of the signal lights were soaring and bursting in a regular firework display, throughout the day, the bulk of these signals of distress came from the Germans.

A THREE-FOLD OFFENSIVE.

GREATEST BATTLE IN ALL HISTORY.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

The latest British stroke is clearly part of one great offensive, constituting probably, the greatest battle in all history.

Comment in both the London and Paris papers is restrained as it is realised that an immense task confronts the Allies in ousting the Germans from Belgium and France. There is a disposition to await developments, calmly and confidently.

There is evidence that the German General Staff does not think the full strength of the offensive has even yet developed.

The German newspapers are fully alive to the western menace and the latest comment shows that they have probably been instructed to prepare the people for certain possibilities. The semi-official "Kochische Volkszeitung" says that the worst hardships and the heaviest losses are about to come as the British and French are making a three-fold offensive and he warns the people to prepare for grave difficulties.

All hopes are centered in General von Hindenburg.

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September, 1917.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 12, 1917. 2031

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the
Half Year ending 30th June, 1917,
at the rate of Two Pounds three-shillings
sterling per share, is payable on and
after MONDAY the 20th day of August,
Current, at the Office of the Corporation,
where Shareholders are requested to
apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
N. J. STARR,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 11, 1917. 2029

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE
DOLLAR (\$1.-) per share for
account 1917, will be payable on
FRIDAY, the 24th August, 1917. Share-
holders are requested to apply for
Dividend Warrants at the Company's
Office, St. George's Buildings, Hongkong.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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MONDAY, the 20th August, 1917, to
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 17, 1917. 2026

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NOTICE.

IN ACCORDANCE with the Provisions
of No. 111 of the Articles of Association
the General Managers have this day
declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for
the half year ended 30th June, 1917, of
TWO DOLLARS PER SHARE.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be
obtained on application at the Office of
the Company on and after TUESDAY,
the 14th instant.

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crops is the response American farmers
have made to President Wilson's mid-
April appeal saying that upon them
rests the fate of the war and the fate
of nations.

BIG WHEAT CROP.

The combined winter and spring wheat
crop will be 33,000,000 bushels more than
last year's, with a total of 678,000,000
bushels.

Barley, with prospects of the third
largest crop ever grown, will exceed last
year's production by 25,000,000 bushels,
with an output of 314,000,000 bushels.

Oats promise to exceed last year's crop
by 20,000,000 bushels, the total produc-
tion being forecast at 1,453,000,000
bushels. That is slightly under the
record. Improvement between now and
harvest may result in a record crop.

White potato production, on a 25 per
cent increase in acreage, will be a
record crop with 432,000,000 bushels, or
167,000,000 bushels more than last year,
not taking into account the home garden
production, which this year is estimated
to be much larger than ever before.

Rye, another record crop this year,
will amount to 64,100,000 bushels, or
8,700,000 bushels more than last year.

Sweet potatoes will register a new
high total with 82,200,000 bushels, or
11,000 bushels more than last year.

Rice production will total 34,400,000
bushels, the second largest crop ever
produced.

Production of tobacco will break an-
other record, with a crop of 1,215,000,000
pounds, which is 84,000,000 pounds more
than was grown last year.

HEAVY CORN AVERAGE.

In a statement, the department said:
"A large increase in acreage of corn
is noted, amounting to over 14 per cent
of last year's area, much of the increase
being on land not formerly cultivated,
and the bulk of the remainder on aban-
doned wheat lands, an acreage formerly
devoted to hay. The growth is several
weeks late, but as the seed was generally
of superior quality, stands, colour and
vigour are generally above the average.
There have been some losses on flooded
bottom lands and a moderate amount of
replanting has been necessary."

The stands of winter wheat, especially
where thinned by winter killing, have
been up surprisingly and the heads are
in almost all sections heavy. The
growth during the month has made an
improvement, representing a gain of
20,000,000 bushels, this being far in
excess of what was expected or is
ordinarily experienced. The improve-
ment was general with the exception of
a few States. Practically no insect
damage is reported and the plants are
healthy. Early harvested grain in the
Southwest has turned out much better
than anticipated.

"The condition of the winter and
spring wheat crop combined gives pro-
mise of a yield greater than 32,000,000
bushels, than was anticipated last
month."

ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

A BI-CENTENARY.

By ALBERT F. CALVERT, P.M.
Author of "The Grand Stewards and
Red Apron Lodge," "The Grand
Lodge of England, 1717-1917," etc.

Freemasonry exists in all civilised
countries and its Grand Lodges are to be
met with in every corner of the world,
but the supreme authority of the craft
in England, which is now celebrating its
bi-centenary, is acknowledged to be the
mother of Grand Lodges. The occasion
is commemorative of an event which,
judged by the ordinary standard of time,
would be regarded as belonging to
ancient history, but it is a compara-
tively modern occurrence in the annals
of an Order which had its origin in
the undated genesis of civilisation.

Tradition traces the progress of
Masonry through all the ages, but it
is a matter of historic fact that it
was waning to extinction in England
at the end of the seventeenth century,
and might by this time have been
as dead as Queen Anne, but for the
"revival" which the brethren have just
been celebrating. In the calm which
followed the Treaty of Utrecht and the
accession of George I., the Four Old
Lodges which were meeting at London
constituted themselves a Grand Lodge,
and elected Mr. Anthony Sayer, Gentle-
man, Grand Master of Masons, at an
annual assembly and feast, held on June
23, 1717, at the Goose and Gridiron al-
house, in St. Paul's churchyard. The
members of these four lodges were few
and undistinguished, but to them is due
the honour of reviving the old usages of
the Order of drinking up a book of
Constitutions and instituting, in a pro-
miscuous fashion, the practice of charity,
which has since been developed into the
great benevolent organisation of this or
any other time.

In 1721, four years after the formation
of Grand Lodge, when Dr. William Stuke-
ley applied for admission into the society,
it was with difficulty that a sufficient
number of Masons could be found in
London to perform the initiation cere-
mony, but in that year the election of
John, Duke of Montagu, to the Masonic
Throne was followed by an immediate
accession to popularity. "Ingenious
men of all faculties and stations" includ-
ing many noblemen, "earnestly request-
ed to be made Masons," and the frater-
nity developed so rapidly in numbers
and power that in 1723 the first (and
last) Duke of Wharton became a Mason,
and intrigued himself into the Grand
Mastership for the purpose of enliven-
ing the support of the Order to the
cause of the Old Pretender. But al-
though the majority of the brethren of
the period appear to have had leanings
to Toryism they were inflexible in their
adherence to the non-political principles
of the society, and this firm and only
attempt to reduce Freemasonry from their
loyalty to the reigning house ended in
complete failure.

From the installation of the Duke of
Montagu—he, first of an unbroken line
of nobles and princes who, have since
succeeded each other in the Grand Chair
of the society—the great majority of the
Englishmen of the past 200 years have
worn the collar and apron of the frater-
nity. Savants and scientists, antiquaries

and divines, fellows of the learned
societies, soldiers, statesmen, and fol-
lowers of the arts—all have contributed
to the dignity and utility of the craft.
A society of such numerical magnitude
must be pregnant with potentiality
for good or evil, and it is merely to
state a truism to say that Freemasonry
has ever been a power for good. The
four Parol Bulls that were launched
against Masonry between 1723 and 1835,
may be regarded as the last remnants
of a groundless suspicion of the purposes
underlying Masonic doctrine and prac-
tices. In 1723 the Marquis Townshend
invented that the society must be of a
very harmless nature, "because, as much
as mankind loved mischief, nobody ever
betrayed them," but George I.'s Secretary
of State failed to appreciate the fact
that it was upon its active beneficence
rather than its passive inoffensiveness
that the greatness of the craft was
founded. Its benevolence has become a
household word, but the general and
somewhat vague appreciations of this
aspect of Masonry may be accumulated
by the recital of a few facts and figures.

Masonic charity was first regulated in
1724, when a committee was appointed
to collect and administer the General
Charity. That institution, now known
as the Board of Benevolence, has been
one of the most active departments of
Grand Lodge ever since its foundation.
In 1788 was founded the Masonic Insti-
tution for Girls. It was followed ten years
later by the Masonic Institution for
Boys. Thirty-seven years elapsed before
the project for the erection of an asylum
for aged Masons was inaugurated in
1855. These three great Masonic chari-
ties have been organised and
maintained on a scale that has never
been approached by any other private
benevolent enterprise. Nearly 4,000
sons of Freemasons have received the
benefits of the Boys' Institution since its
formation, no fewer than 695 daughters
of Freemasons are being educated and
provided for by the Girls' Institution
to-day, and among the 1,347 male and
female of the asylum an aggregate sum
of nearly £250,000 is annually distributed.
Apart from their regular and assured
charities, the contributions for these three
charities in this third year of the war
amounted to nearly £25,000.

It might be considered by cynics that
Freemasonry is a form of insurance
against material reverses, but it is in-
contestably true that its vast member-
ship is inspired by the desire to confer
rather than to receive benefits.

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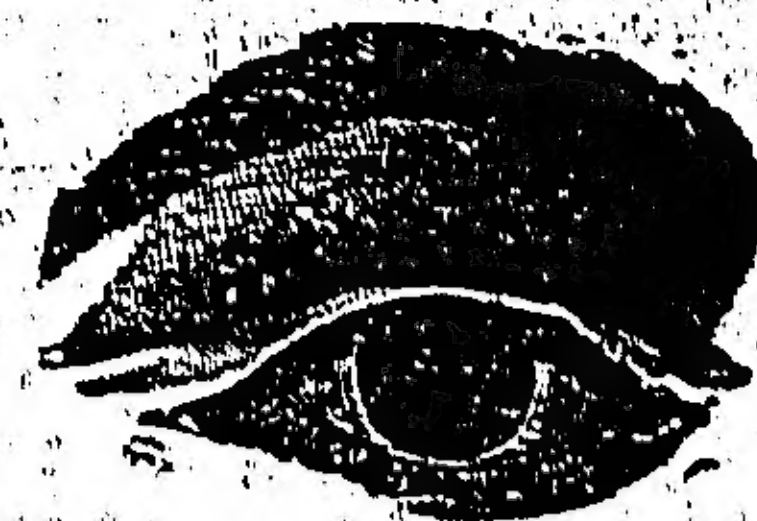
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Hongkong, August 14, 1917. 2032

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CANADA, AGED 50.

JUST BEGINNING LIFE.

STERN TEST OF UNITY ON EVE
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["THE EVENING POST OF NEW YORK."]

Toronto, Canada, June 20.

It is with mingled feelings of gratitude

and sadness, confidence and determina-

tion, that Canadians will observe the

fiftieth anniversary of the day when the

British North America Act became effective

and the Dominion of Canada was born.

That measure, which is Canada's

Constitution to-day, was passed by the

Imperial Parliament after the colonies of

Upper Canada, Lower Canada, Nova

Scotia, and New Brunswick were brought

into line by far-seeing political leaders.

The Federal Union became a reality

when the act came into force on July 1st,

1867. Consideration of common economic

and military interest made the union

almost imperative, and the developments

of the half century which has elapsed

more than justify the hopes and purposes

of "the Fathers of Confederation."

A strange fate has decreed that this

birthday of the Canadian nation should

find the Dominion engaged, of its own

free will, in a war in support of the

British Empire, with which Canada's

destiny is joined, and in defence of

civilization. Stranger still, to-day

Canada is facing the sternest test of

national unity to which the confederation

has yet been subjected, for the conscription

issue threatens to oppose the will of

Quebec to that of all the English-speaking

provinces, with consequences which cannot

be foreseen.

It is also of interest that a new con-

federative movement is being discussed

in the Maritime Provinces, the proposal

being to consolidate Nova Scotia, New

Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island

into one province, which would have

sufficient influence to uphold Eastern

Canadian interests against the growing

importance of Western Canada.

MARKINGS AT OTTAWA.

At Ottawa on Monday there will be a

special commemorative service, at which

the Governor-General will dedicate the

new House of Parliament. Upon the

central stone column upholding the roof

of the great entrance hall of the new

Parliament buildings the following

inscription has been incised:—

"JULY

1867—1917

ON THE FIFTIETH

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AFTER THAT DATE, holders will find it necessary to claim repayment in sterling from the BOARD OF TRADE, LONDON, to whom the necessary funds will be remitted.

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A. R. LOWE,
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Chartered Bank Building,
Hongkong, August 17, 1917. 240

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE following have received in satisfaction to sell by Public Auction, (on account of the concerned),

SATURDAY,
the 18th August, 1917, at 10.45 a.m.,
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Des Vaux Road, Corner of
the House Street,
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, August 17, 1917. 2039

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THE STEAMSHIP

"NIPPON MARU"
The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on SATURDAY, 18th August, at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo remaining undelivered on FRI. DAY, 24th August, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All claims and damaged Cargo will be made into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 25th August at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after the 7th September, 1917.

T. DAIGO,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 17, 1917. 2041

THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Burma Cheroots and Egyptian Cigarettes at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Sheets, Towels, Dress Lengths, etc. also Tea Sets, Vases, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
9 p.m.—Night Fête at V.R.C.

General Memoranda.

Monday, August 20—
President Poincaré's birthday (1859).

Monday Aug. 20 & Tuesday, 21—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Porcelains, Embroideries, Caricatures, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Tuesday, August 21—
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc., at No. 3, Wood Road, Wanchai.

Hongkong Ice Co's. interim dividend due.

Wednesday, August 22—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Carpets, Linens, Pianos, etc., etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Friday, August 24—
Hongkong Rope Co's. interim dividend due.

Monday, August 27—
Auction of Kowloon Island Lot No. 202 at Mr. Geo. F. Lamson's Sales Room.

Wednesday, August 29—
Settlement Day: Hongkong Stock Exchange.

Friday, August 31—
Queen of Holland's birthday (1880).
Emperor of Japan's birthday (1879).

Saturday, Sept. 1—
8.22 p.m.—Full moon.

he was not prepared to accept an amendment to that effect. For our part, we are not prepared to criticise that attitude, and we do not doubt that even those who sincerely hope that it may not be necessary to continue conscription after the war will be satisfied, for the present, with the undertaking that six months after the signing of peace the Ordinance will be reconsidered by the Legislative Council, especially in regard to the training and the limit of age of those brought under its purview.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The new moon will make its first appearance to-morrow at 2.21 a.m.

A quantity of Burma cheroots and Egyptian cigarettes will be sold by Messrs. Hughes and Hough to-morrow morning.

With regard to the theft of 154 reams of paper valued at \$1,200, which was recently stolen from the Alexandria Buildings, 64 reams have been recovered by the Police.

An advertisement will be found in another column regarding the redemption by the Liquidator of the outstanding notes of the National Bank of China, Ltd. (in liquidation).

Mr. J. P. Brugs of No. 37 Robinson Road, has reported to the Police that a hanging bat-ruck, valued at \$25, and an antique plaque, valued at \$12, have been stolen from the hall of his residence.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 10 a.m. to-day—Typhoon E. of northern Luzon, less than 300 miles distant, moving W.N.W. or N.W.

The subscriptions to the Cigarette & Tobacco Fund (of which Mr. W. A. Dowley is Hon. Secretary and Treasurer) have amounted since July 7th to \$539.74. Altogether \$23,143.59 has been expended during the War and the balance in hand is \$79.49.

In the Summer Tennis Tournament yesterday Pezz and Henderson (+ 10) beat Abraham and Stalker (scr.) and Murray and Maas (+ 10) beat de Journal and Wolters (+ 40). To-morrow Morse and Muriel (+ 8) play Bevington and Verney (+ 10) at 5 p.m.

The *Malay Mail* published as a supplement to its issue of August 4, a Roll of Honor and a List of Malay Statesmen serving. The former comprises the names of "past and present residents of the Malay States under British protection who have been killed in action, died of wounds, are reported missing, or have died as the result of accident or illness. The total is 165 and the planting profession figures largely in the list. A number of Malay States born men are included. There follow the names, professions, addresses, ranks and regiments of men serving now, who have been serving or will be shortly, and it is a long one. There are 26 French Reservists among them, and a page is taken up with Malay States born men serving. The names of officers and men of the Malay States Guides who have distinguished themselves in military operations are given.

BANK IN THE NEW DEFENCE CORPS.

The following clauses have been added to the Military Service Ordinance—

(1) Every person who is liable to military service under this Ordinance and who immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance was a member of any rank of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps or of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve shall upon such commencement become a member of the Hongkong Defence Corps and shall therein have the same rank as he had in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps or in the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve immediately before such commencement; provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as giving any such persons any right whatsoever to be continued in that rank.

(2) All sums which immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance were standing to the credit of the Corps Funds of the Hongkong Volunteers and the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve shall forthwith be paid to the Colonial Government for the benefit of the Hongkong Defence Corps as the Governor may direct.

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TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

[By "Scrutator"]

The Colony appears to have had a lucky escape from the full force of the typhoon on Monday. It has not previously been mentioned that the force of the wind about two o'clock, registered 90 miles an hour at Kowloon and 100 at the Peak. At present it looks as if we may have another typhoon on Monday next.

The "sensation of the week, however, has been the great rise in the dollar. Since the 1st of the month it has risen nearly 4d. Where is the movement to stop? It is twenty-five cents ago since the dollar touched 3. Before that time it had only on three occasions been below that figure, and never below 2s. 11d. A table before me, dating from 1877, shows the highest exchange in that year to have been 3s. 3d. and the lowest 3s. 9d. I am afraid it won't do to reckon on the dollar ever reaching those giddy heights again. Remember, it touched the low watermark of 1s. 6d. in 1902, and in the last twenty-three years it has never once reached 2s. 4d. until this year.

Nothing has been heard as to the result of the representations which the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Committee of the China Association jointly made now some three weeks ago to the Home authorities on the subject of the pay of the troops which has been rapidly going to vanishing point as the exchange value of the dollar has been rising. Imagine what a 3s. dollar means to the Tommy on a whiling day! The general feeling in the community is one not merely of sympathy but one of righteous anger over the dilatory methods of the authorities with whom the power and authority rests to remedy this rank injustice.

The figure at which the German Bank premises were sold at auction last Monday is generally considered to be a fair price, having regard to the times. I understand that it did not quite reach the actual cost of the building, in dollars; but if the Deutsche-Asiatische Bank directors reckon the cost in marks they have the satisfaction of knowing that the sum realised was considerably in excess of the cost at the present value of the dollar—even if we reckon the mark at its pre-war exchange value, which we mustn't do at this stage of the war.

Four days have passed since the German Bank premises in Queen's Road were sold by public auction, and nobody has written to the papers yet to ask the new proprietors when they intend to dislodge those very fierce-looking German eagles from their perches on the front of the building? Or why the eagle in stone over the door has been disintegrated by the removal of the old Union Jack which has so long decently hidden this symbol of a "victorious Power from public observation?"

A philosophic Chinese said to me one day: "S'pose that Bank some day become 'Melian' Bank; be might like that bird, and call our Melian eagle."

"No can do," I explained. The American eagle is a very different bird. He is always represented with an olive branch—the symbol of peace—grasped in one of his claws; but the claws of the German eagle are always outstretched, ready for prey. So also are the claws of the double-headed "Austrian eagle. France abandoned the eagle as a coat of arms long ago; the Russian eagle has been more lately scalped, and the German and Austrian eagles are now having their claws clipped, and may be given over entirely one of these fine days to the executioners, as birds of ill-omen. As the reader is doubtless aware, the eagle is an emblem of Jove, and at one time was the symbol of Roman sovereignty. But Rome knows the emblem no more, and there are those who tell us that Jove is going out of business altogether after this war, a sadder but a wiser god. When his emblem has been expunged from the national arms of all those countries of Europe which it still disfigures, I shall expect to see the eagle of the United States transformed, through feeding on olive branches, into a vegetable dove. As for the eagle of Mexico, which grips in its beak a serpent—well it has looked in recent years dangerously like the Mexican serpent swallowing the Mexican eagle.

Some weeks ago I called attention in these columns to instances in northern ports of funerals in which there were "no flowers by request," but in which friends of the deceased showed their respect by contributing to some charitable fund in which the deceased had shown, perhaps, a special interest in his life time. As this matter has received some attention since in the columns of my local contemporaries, I may mention that lately I have noticed several paragraphs in the Shanghai papers announcing that the British Flower Shop in that port has received donations for the Allied Red Cross Funds, in lieu of the purchase of wreaths. Some thirty contributions, for instance, were received in memory of the late Captain Wyles, the total in this case amounting to \$140.

We have no British Flower Shop in Hongkong and even if we had it strikes me as adding insult to injury to expect a Flower Shop to receive and account for donations from the public for a charitable fund in lieu of the purchase of flowers, which a Flower Shop exists to sell. There is no profit in it for the Flower Shop or even bare remuneration for the trouble it is put to. In Hongkong, instead of a British Flower Shop we have a number of Chinese enjoying a sort of prescriptive right to the public thoroughfare in what has come to be known as Flower Street (the street in which the China Mail wears the white lily of a blameless life) where they do a roaring business in flowers—ranging from button-holes to wreaths and crosses—all the year round, at prices which must leave one surprised to see the same people there year after year, attired in the same old clothes, giving one the impression that flower-selling in Hongkong is a profitless business, though everybody knows the Flower Market must be a little gold mine. However, I never expect to see the flower-sellers of Wyndham Street playing the self-denying role of the British Flower Shop of Shanghai.

Apropos of my note last week about the mails, a reader has written to say that not only in Ceylon are the general public kept informed about the outgoing mails, but this is done in Singapore also. I was aware of that. What I desired to convey was that in suspending the publication of all mail notices in Hongkong the authorities go beyond what is done in any other British or foreign community in the Far East.

The humour one finds in Chinese politics is usually of a ponderous order, but the incident described below is certainly correctly described as containing more evidence of crushing logic and a sense of humour than excessive civility.

Mr. Chang Chien received an urgent telegram from Mr. Li Ching-shi, who pressed him to come up to Peking to assume the Cabinet post offered to him. In the telegram, Mr. Li quoted the Buddhist saying that "If I do not descend into hell to save the people, who shall undertake the task?"

In reply, Mr. Chang telegraphed: "You are a Buddhist; therefore, you have taken upon yourself the duty of going to hell. As I am not a Buddhist personified, I fail to see why I should follow you to hell."

On dit—
That people have been seeing snakes at Fanning lately—regular whoppers—one of them fifteen feet long.

That the Germans who escaped internment in Hongkong when the war broke out are beginning to think that even life in Australia may be more tolerable than life in China under present conditions.

CHINA'S WAR MEASURES.

[Chinese Mail "Service"]

Peking, Aug. 16.

Two uneventful days have passed since the declaration of war.

In the meantime, telegrams have reached Peking that all the German concessions have been taken over by the Chinese Government and are flying the Chinese flag.

The Government is despatching several foreign advisers to take over the German Bank branches at the different treaty ports. Mr. McEuen is going to Canton to take over the charge of the German bank there; Japanese bankers have been appointed to take charge of the German bank at Hankow.

The Customs turned over \$2,000,000 to the Government yesterday.

Four Bureaux, attached to the Ministry of Finance, were abolished yesterday, involving the dismissal of over 100 employees.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16.
The Allied Ministers have congratulated China upon her entry into the war. The American Minister at first held back, but having received instructions from Washington, has also extended congratulations.

The Austrian Concession in Tientsin has been taken over by the Chinese authorities, but not without some difficulty.

Wong Kuli Mui, together with the French manager of the Sino-French Industrial Bank, took over the affairs of the Feking branch of the German Bank while Mr. Lucas, of the Bank of China, is going to Tientsin to take over the branch there.

The mandate proclaiming war was drafted by Liang Kai Chiu.

The Dutch Consular officials took over the Austrian Consulate in Shanghai yesterday, and also the German Consulate, and hoisted the Dutch flag over the buildings.

A SHOOTING SENSATION AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16.
Four Austrian and Hungarian subjects made a raid on the Austrian Consulate at Shanghai yesterday. One was shot by his accomplices as he threatened the Consulate Secretary and one was arrested.

LOANS TO CHINA.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16.
The Hual silver loan of \$6,000,000 will be jointly subscribed by Japan and America, and will be signed shortly, as also will the loan of \$4,350,000 on the Kirin-Changchun railway.

GERMANY AND SIAM.

THE ENEMY REPRESENTATIVES FEAR THEIR OWN SUBMARINES.

The German Government has refused to grant passports to the Siamese Minister and members of the Siamese Legation in Berlin until it has ascertained that no obstacles will be placed in the way of the German and Austrian representatives' free return home. This remark, the *Bangkok Daily Mail* is obviously contrary to international usage concerning the inviolability of the persons of Diplomatic Representatives.

The Siamese Government has, on the other hand, signified its readiness to grant all facilities for the representatives of enemy Powers to leave Siam, and have even suggested that they should leave by the Danish motor-boat "Fastrig," which is due to sail from Bangkok on the 16th instant, but Messrs. Remy and Keil have expressed their unwillingness to sail by the "Fastrig" on the plea that the vessel was bound for a British port in Europe, which would necessitate its entrance into the so-called danger zone.

Thus, it will be seen that the Siamese Government is not only willing but anxious that Messrs. Remy and Keil, together with their staff, should leave Bangkok as soon as possible and that the delay in their departure is entirely their own fault.

PIONEERS OF AVIATION.

A correspondent makes a suggestion with which I heartily concur, says a Londoner in the *Evening Standard*, to the effect that some recognition should be given to those who were among the first in this country to develop the possibilities of the aeroplane. The mass of to-day's record well-merited honours, but his achievements have been made possible only by the work and enterprise of the pioneers in the five years preceding the war. It was during this time that the problems of flight were studied and men took their lives in their hands in order to test the air itself the possibilities of engines, designs, and material. These early explorers of a new element certainly deserve a place in the list of those who are honoured for war service, and I should welcome the appearance of the names of Sir David Henderson, General Branker, and Mr. Graham White, to mention only three of those to whom special thanks are due for our present improved condition of the air service.

GERMAN ANGER AT MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

"A GOOD PEACE IS NOW MADE IMPOSSIBLE."

In view of the Pope's communication to the Powers the following comments by leading German papers on Mr. Lloyd George's recent speech at Glasgow are interesting.

The *Kreuzzeitung*, the *Volksrecht* (Westphalian Zeitung), always violent, declares that the speech contains nothing new, but that it is an indication once more that England needs peace. "Our U boats will," it says, "give him the best answer." As Lloyd George knows, it goes on to declare, "our U boats stick fast in England's throat, and no boasting and statistics will get rid of the fact; England has passed her military zenith."

The *Colo ne Volkszeitung* says:—
Lloyd George knows Germany is ready for peace and, therefore, the responsibility for the continuation of this monstrous war rests with England. Lloyd George also knows that the Central Powers cannot accept the peace conditions he speaks of, unless they wish to sign their own death sentences. What Lloyd George demands is peace which only a complete victor can insist on. No country at war with England can accept his conditions without loudly declaring to its own people that it is defeated, and that England has triumphed over her adversary.

If Mesopotamia and Armenia are taken from Turkey, it immediately falls into ruins. If German colonies are not returned to us then our position in the world is destroyed. If England insists on the principle of self-government of nationalities, that means the downfall of Austria-Hungary.

Without England's triumph there is no peace for Lloyd George. If there is anything which steele the German courage, makes German hearts iron-hard, and rouses the strength of resistance to the highest degree, then it is the English peace conditions. England is carrying on war in order to annihilate Germany. But England will hit granite, and the rest will be seen by our U boats.

The *Cologne Gazette* regards the speech as a revelation of English deceit. It declares that exhausted Europe is asking why the war goes on, and what England really wants.

The English Premier openly admits that England is conducting a war of robbery and conquest. So that England may obtain a couple of rich countries, the world must continue to bleed. Neutral must venture to anger and nations be consumed in revolution and battle, so that England may possess the German Colonies and the well-governed German colonies. Now we know. Time has made us hard, and as our army has accomplished the unbelievable, so will our people endure suffering and need a little longer rather than see a premature peace to the advantage of Lloyd George.

CONDEMNED RIVER CRAFT.

ARCHITECT ACCUSES MESOPO-TAMIA COMMISSION OF INCOMPETENCE.

Sir John Harvard Biles, the eminent naval architect, in a letter to *The Daily Chronicle*, says:—
I accuse the Mesopotamia Commission of incompetence in the matter of their judgment on the design and construction of the river transport craft. As naval architect for the India Office my responsibility for the vessels gives me the right and the duty to make this accusation, especially as they did not ask me to give evidence.

Since these vessels were condemned in Mesopotamia last summer, Russia and beyond have been reached by our river craft. It does not seem to have entered the heads of these Commissioners to imagine or inquire whether these condemned barges had been used. Their statement is "they have been tried and condemned." The fact is that they were first condemned, and afterwards tried. They are now in constant use, and are very useful, and particularly useful for work above Amara. These facts could have been established in evidence if the Commission had not been incompetent. This is a wrong language, but it is based on first hand information that is in possession of the War Office, and is a justifiable reprisal to the charge of incompetence and unbusinesslike conduct of the India Office made by the Commissioners.

The War Office, who took over the control of the supply of these vessels in July, 1916, have built more of the same design, and have continued to entrust them with the share of the responsibility as the India Office did when they were in control.

GERMAN DOCTOR'S DISCOVERY.

A rather amusing story is told of one of the recent attacks on the British front. At one place the British took prisoner in a dugout a German doctor and his staff, and, finding the place equipped as a dressing station, the British took their wounded down to him for treatment, not one of our men there being able to speak German. The German doctor went ahead and drew out the wounded, but each one whom he finished he labelled for despatch to a Berlin hospital. It was not till he had done over a hundred and the affair was ended that he discovered that he was not doing up wounded prisoners taken by the Germans, but that he was himself a prisoner, and attending to his captors.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE POPE'S PEACE NOTE.

ITS TEXT PUBLISHED.

LONDON, August 15.

The text of the Papal Note, addressed to the Heads of the belligerent peoples, has been published.

It is prefaced by a statement that His Holiness's aim, since his accession, has been to observe absolute neutrality and, concurrently, to do everything in his power to hasten the end of the war. He states that he has not ceased, during the three painful years of the war, to exhort the belligerent peoples and Governments to resume fraternal relationship, although everything he has done to attain that object has not been given publicity.

His Holiness refers to the non-success of his previous appeal for peace, since when the war has become more cruel, extending on land and sea and even in the air. Defenceless cities, quiet villages and inhabitants have been stricken with desolation and death. He envisages the multiplied and aggravated sufferings if the war continues, perhaps for years and asks: "Must the world become a field of death and Europe speed to the abyss and lend a hand to her own suicide?"

Therefore, a sense of his supreme duty as the Father of the Faithful and also the solicitations of his children imploring for intervention, as well as the voice of humanity and reason impel him to renew his pressing appeal for peace. But in order not to confine himself any longer to the general terms as previously, he now submits more concrete and more practical proposals and invites the belligerent Governments to deliberate upon the following points which seem to form a basis for a fair and lasting peace.

Primarily, the fundamental point ought to be the substitution of the material force of arms by the moral force of right, by an agreement for a simultaneous and reciprocal reduction of armaments, according to rules and guarantees, to the degree only of what is necessary for the maintenance of public order in each State; and then the establishment of arbitration providing concerted action and penalties against States refusing to submit international questions thereto or to accept its decisions.

The Note proceeds to express the view that, once the supremacy of right is thus established, rules could be fixed assuring real liberty and freedom of the seas, thus eliminating numerous causes of dispute and opening to all new sources of prosperity and progress.

His Holiness does not see any other means of solving the question of reparation and payment of war costs than a complete mutual liquidation as a general principle. He refers, in this connection, to the immediate benefits to be gained from disarmament; besides it is incomprehensible that the carnage can continue for economic reasons. Peaceful agreements are not possible without reciprocal restitution of the occupied territories; consequently, Germany should evacuate Belgium, guaranteeing her unhampered independence, and also the occupied French territory.

The other group of belligerents should restore the German Colonies. With regard to territorial questions such as Italy and Austria and Germany and France, the hope is expressed that the opposing nations will conciliatorily examine matters, taking into consideration the people's aspirations, as far as possible, and co-ordinating their special interests for the general good of human society.

The same spirit of equity and justice should animate the examination of other territorial and political questions, particularly relating to Armenia, the Balkan States and the territories comprising the old Kingdom of Poland. The noble historic and traditional long sufferings of the latter, especially in the present war, should arouse the sympathies of the nations.

The Note says that the Pope believes that the acceptance of the foregoing leading points will prevent a recurrence of the economic question.

The Note concludes with an earnest and prayerful appeal to turn a favourable ear to the communication.

Cardinal Gasparri, in a covering letter to the Note, asks the King to convey copies to the Presidents of the French Republic and the United States and to the King of Italy, in consequence of the absence of diplomatic relations.

THE TOPIC OF THE MOMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The Pope's proposals are the topic of the moment. An interesting fact is that the covering letter addressed to King George asks His Majesty to transmit the Note to France, America, and nations friendly to the Allies.

The papers have not changed their opinion that the proposals are absolutely unacceptable, as they mean merely a German peace.

HOSPITAL SHIP ARRANGEMENTS.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil confirmed the Anglo-Spanish arrangements regarding hospital ships carrying Spanish officers. He hoped this would end enemy attacks on hospital ships, but a definite assurance from Germany had not yet been received.

The names and full particulars for identification of all British hospital ships were communicated to the enemy prior to their employment as hospital ships, in accordance with the Hague Convention. Lord Cecil said that he believed that the suggestion of the new arrangement came from Great Britain.

THE TSAR'S PLACE OF EXILE.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.

Bolsk, in Siberia, is the destination of the ex-Tsar and the Royal Family. The exile was decided upon in consequence of information received by the Government of counter-revolutionary agitation and the possibility of an attempt to release the ex-Tsar from confinement at Tsarskoe Selo.

THE BATTLE OF FLANDERS.

THE OFFICIAL GERMAN ACCOUNT.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

A German official message, by wireless, states:—

A second great Flanders battle has burst forth. The artillery duel has been very violent on the coast between the Yser and Dendre. The English attacked on an eighteen kilometre front, between Bisschoff and Wytschaete.

The English attacked between Hulluch and Lens, yesterday morning. Four Canadian Divisions forced our first positions in an effort to deepen the gap on both sides of Loos.

Their object was the Vendin-Viel village. Their gain is small. Eleven fresh attacks collapsed. We repulsed attacks to the south of Hulluch and to the west of Lens. The French fired 3,000 shells at St. Quentin and set fire to the Cathedral. French attacks between Cerny and Hirtzbach failed.

THE RUMANIAN FRONT.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

A German official message, transmitted by wireless, states:—

To the north of St. Raoul and Panceu, the Russo-Rumanian attacks failed. We dislodged the enemy from the west bank of the Sereth. We have taken 3,554 prisoners and sixteen guns.

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

LABOUR QUESTIONS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, August 15.

In the House of Commons, Sir Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, spoke of the possibility of the stoppage of work by a section of the railway engine drivers and firemen, with the object of establishing the principle of an eight-hour day. He stated that the Cabinet was of the opinion that an eight-hour day would be impracticable in war time and he did not believe that any responsible body of men would prejudice the conduct of the war by participating in a stoppage, but steps would be taken to deal with any emergency.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, on behalf of the National Union of Railwaymen, disclaimed any threat of a stoppage.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL PROJECT.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Cabinet had most carefully considered the question of a Channel Tunnel. After consultation with their naval and military advisers, the Cabinet was still of the opinion that it would be impracticable to proceed with the work during war time.

REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Conference on the reform of the House of Lords would consist of fifteen Peers and fifteen members of the House of Commons. Mr. J. A. Bryce would be Chairman.

THE PREMIER ON THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Mr. Lloyd George made an important speech in the House of Commons on several aspects of the war situation.

THE FOOD POSITION.

He referred first to the food position which had very considerably improved since early in the year.

In August last year our stock was 94 million quarters of wheat in the country; now there were 84 millions. (Cheers.) Oats and barley also were higher. There had been a considerable saving in the consumption of bread while the average under cultivation had been increased by a million. If the harvest was good, as it promised to be, then the condition in the country as regards food supplies, taking everything into account, was very satisfactory.

He still urged economy because the more they economized the less they would need from Canada and the United States, from which France and Italy also drew supplies. There was an increase reserve of sugar. Eighty thousand tinners would be available in the Spring.

OUR SHIPPING LOSSES.

The German Admiralty had been circulating figures of the destroyed shipping. Throughout, the object of the Central Empires had been to cheer up the Austrians and Germans by creating an impression that England could not last much longer.

The Germans claimed that we had been losing half a million tons a month, after allowing for new construction. We lost 500,000 tons gross in April, but the gross losses in July were reduced to 320,000 tons. (Cheers.) August looked like being better. (Cheers.) If the present improvement continued, the net loss for July and August would be at the rate of 175,000 tons a month.

These figures showed that the Admiralty was meeting with considerable success. The Shipping Controller had been better leading, hiring ships more quickly and taking ships off longer voyages that he had been able to secure that, although we had diminished the tonnage, we were carrying more tons.

BRITISH BOMBING WORK AT COURTRAI.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

AMSTERDAM, August 16.

A British air squadron bombed the German barracks, automobile park and munitions sheds at Courtrai on Tuesday. Enormous damage was done and there were 20 casualties amongst the soldiers.

The squadron returned safely.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

BRITISH SHIPPING REPORT.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The Admiralty shipping report for the week ending Aug. 11 states:—

Arrivals 2,776

Departures 2,660

Vessels sunk (over 1,600 tons) 14

Vessels sunk (under 1,600 tons) 2

Vessels unsuccessfully attacked 13

Fishing vessels sunk 3

FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

The French shipping returns for the week ending August 12 states:—

Arrivals 1,010

Departures 1,028

Vessels sunk (over 1,600 tons) 3

Vessels sunk (under 1,600 tons) 3

Vessels unsuccessfully attacked 5

ITALIAN SHIPPING REPORT.

ROME, Aug. 15.

The Italian shipping returns for the week ended August 12 states:—

Arrivals 550

Departures 609

Vessels sunk (steamers) 6

Vessels sunk (sailing ships) 5

Only one of the sailing ships was over 100 tons.

INCITING GERMAN MUNITION WORKERS TO STRIKE.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 16.

Handbills are being circulated in German munition factories, inciting the workers to strike.

A semi-official communication states that it is hoped that the workers will refuse to listen to such incitements.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

Silver is quoted at 44, unoffered. The market is firm and there are buyers.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW OFFENSIVE.

CORRESPONDENTS GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, says that General Currie's splendid Canadian troops by their splendid attack this morning have added a brilliant page to the history of the war. It also adds lustre to the Canadian victory to learn that the Germans were completely ready for battle and in no way surprised.

A prisoner officer states they were told the attack would be delivered within half an hour of its actual development, and at many places they were awaiting it. The enemy put down a barrage within two minutes of the opening bombardment. The night was one of the darkest and very stormy but the raid ceased just before jumping off time.

Nothing indicated that anything abnormal was contemplated till the battle opened, then suddenly the artillery began to shower oil drums, which went rolling over in convolutions of pink flame into the midst of the enemy positions. A creeping barrage roared forth a perfect cataclysm of sound, and the infantry began to advance at 4.35 a.m.

The fighting included the taking of Hill 70, Cite St. Laurent, and Cite St. Emile. The resistance upon Hill 70 was not very great, although beyond the Germans fought stubbornly.

At its southern part the attack also met comparatively little resistance. Through the smoke barrage the Canadians could see the Germans fleeing, and when they did stop it was principally for the purpose of surrendering.

The enemy was completely demoralized by the cascades of fire which lit up vaporous flames as the oil drums emitted their contents.

A very large proportion of the captives are mere boys, which testifies to the serious problem which the manpower question in Germany is presenting.

The first phase had consisted of a sweep south-eastward from Bois Hugo to the outskirts of Lens, which was developed with success. The second phase involved a continuation of a south-easterly movement, accompanied by a heavy pressure further south. The struggle here continues extended to the southwards.

The Correspondent pays a tribute to the indescribably fine spirit of the Canadians, who, in their own phrase, "have their tails in the air." All are confident they have the Boche beat.

The scene of some of the sharpest fighting has been from the railway embankment north of Cite St. Laurent, from which boiling oil treatment cleared the Germans to 700 yards south.

The German airmen are more venturesome than usual, but ours are chasing them everywhere on the battleground. Tanks were not used, as the battleground is unsuitable.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

ENEMY TACTICS.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, writing on August 14th, says it is noteworthy, that despite the tremendous activity of the guns in other sectors of the French and British fronts and on both banks of the Meuse, there is no sign of relaxation in the enemy's efforts north of the Aisne.

The battle of Chemin-des-Dames has continued without intermission since April 16th, and it seems a cardinal principle of German strategy never to let it flag. The enemy lately has trekked his artillery power in this region, and has brought the heaviest calibres into play. Never a day passes without fighting at Chemin-des-Dames, and this month half-a-dozen enemy attacks have been beaten off with serious loss.

Elsewhere on the French front, the Germans are showing activity which is only explicable by a nervous desire to pierce the veil which conceals the immediate intentions of the French by getting into our trenches, if only for a moment, to see what is going on behind.

During the past fortnight there have been attacks at Saint Quentin, in Champagne, and numerous attacks or attempted attacks on both banks of the Meuse, notably at Avocourt Wood, on the left bank, and Carrières Wood, on the right bank, towards Saint Mihiel and in Alsace, all of which were no doubt prompted by a desire for knowledge rather than a hope of permanent gain.

In estimating the causes for the German activity on this front, the need of successes to impress their own public opinion is a factor which must be remembered.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

A German official report, transmitted by wireless, states:—There was an artillery battle throughout the night in Flanders.

We repulsed the English southward of Frezenberg and on both sides of Hooge.

There was a violent artillery duel between Hulluch and Lens. French attacks on Cerny failed.

We shot down 20 aviators and balloons.

A German official report, transmitted by wireless, states:—Infantry engagements are proceeding northward of Lens and eastward of Cerny-on-Laonnois.

PEACE CONDITIONS.

THE NECESSARY MINIMUM.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The *Herald* and *Gazette* recommends the Government to consider what it would like to achieve as a result of the war. Then putting aside prepossessions, to consider how much the achievement is likely to cost. Next, to consider not whether the Pope's proposals are inspired by Germany or acceptable as final terms, but whether they afford a basis for negotiation with a prospect of securing the necessary minimum required by the Allies. If this question is answered in the negative, the Allies should announce what is the necessary minimum, so that the world will not think, as Germany desires the world to think, we are persisting in the war for aims we could not and dare not avow.

MR. GERARD'S DISCLOSURES.

THE KAISER'S CHARACTER.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The chief interest so far in Mr. Gerard's revelations in the *Daily Telegraph* is the light they throw upon the character of the Kaiser. When Mr. Gerard protested against subordination the Kaiser always asked why the United States did not break the British blockade. He once declared that before he would allow his family to starve he would blow up Windsor Castle and the whole English Royal Family. He always wanted the United States to do something against England when Mr. Gerard protested against any German violation of International Law. On one such occasion Mr. Gerard retorted, "If two men enter my grounds and one stepped upon the flower-beds and the other killed my sister, I probably would first pursue the murderer." The Kaiser was not affected by such argument.

THE WORKERS' PART IN THE WAR.

THE PREMIER'S TRIBUTE.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

Speaking at a luncheon of the Liberal War Committee given to the Hon. W. A. Holman, Premier of New South Wales, at the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said: "We must not forget that the progress made in the war mile by mile, in which we had beaten back the enemy, was due not only to the valour of our soldiers, but to the energy of the workers, which had given us a superiority in munitions and equipment. All honour therefore to the workers. We are fighting for the victory of democracy over aggression. All other things wrapped in Party programmes are not attainable unless we win."

Under the Constitution no section of the community has as large an interest in the victory of the Allies as the workers. Nothing in the programme of Labour could be believed if the Allies are beaten. There is room for nationhood within the British Empire, and it is this federation of free peoples that is now presenting such a formidable obstacle to the aggressive aims of German militarism.

The military position now held is largely due to the skill and industry of the workmen in the factories. Every victory in the field is a victory for the workers. Also, we must not forget the unparalleled way in which all the Dominions voluntarily went to the aid of the Mother Country, and the strength of the Empire is due to their sense of kinship, fraternity and goodwill.

Mr. Walter Long said that Mr. Holman was among the first Dominion Ministers to preach that the doctrine of Empire was first and the traditions of a lifetime second to the successful prosecution of the war. We could regard with confidence the future burden of the Empire as long as we have Dominion Ministers like Mr. Holman and the people whom he represented.

Mr. Holman, in the course of a bold speech, advocated closer relations between the workers and the Government in order to avoid misunderstanding. He said the time had arrived when they should strike a balance between achievements like Messines and the wealth and labour thereby involved. He asked, "Has not the time arrived when frontal attacks should give way to other methods?" We must enter upon a policy of unceasing creation on the most scientific methods to develop aeroplanes in such numbers as to destroy enemy communications and compel surrenders in bulk.

EX-TSAR SENT TO SIBERIA.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.

The *Herald* states that the Imperial Family was sent to Siberia by special train accompanied by two members of the Government and military guards.

It appears that the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates insisted upon the removal of the ex-Tsar, Tsaritzin and Tsaritchin from Tsarskoe Selo to a more remote part of Russia. Their daughters were given the choice of remaining in Petrograd, but they elected to accompany their parents.

TURKEY AND SEPARATE PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 15.

The *Herald* learns that discussions have been occurring for some time at Lausanne between representatives of Turkey and the Entente with a view to a separate peace.

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The House of Commons meets at noon.

Prior to the adjournment, Mr. Lloyd George will make important war pronouncements. Mr. Asquith will also speak.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

A German official report, transmitted by wireless, states:—Russian attacks south-eastward of Tarnopol and southward of the Trots Valley failed.

We pushed forward beyond Szeva. We are pursuing the retreating enemy on both sides of the Putna.

We stormed the Baltareu bridgehead on the west bank of the Sereth, capturing 3,000 prisoners and several guns.

THE AUSTRIAN REPRISAL.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

An Austrian official report, transmitted by wireless, states:—In reprisal for the aerial attack upon Pola, numerous aeroplanes attacked the Maritime Arsenal at Venice.

They successfully dropped four tons of bombs. They observed good hits, and there were conflagrations. Three machines are missing.

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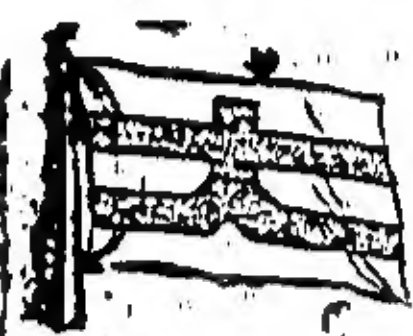
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"MEXICO MARU".....Friday, 11th Sept. at Noon.
"HAWAII MARU".....Wednesday, 28th Sept. at Noon.

FORMOSAN LINE.—For Tamsui, Keelung, Aying and Takao, via Swatow and Amoy.

"AMAKUSA MARU".....Monday, 30th Aug. at Noon.

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"KAIJO MARU".....Sunday, 26th Aug. at Noon.

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FOR SHANGHAI.....AMOI.....Aug. 19, Daylight.
SHANGHAI.....SUZHOE.....Aug. 21, at 4 p.m.
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

For SHANGHAI.....LOONGSANG.....SATURDAY, Aug. 18, at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG.....LOONGSANG.....SUNDAY, Aug. 19, at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN.....CHIPSING.....WEDNESDAY, Aug. 22, Daylight.
SHANGHAI.....WINGSANG.....WEDNESDAY, Aug. 22, Daylight.
MANILA.....YUENSANG.....SATURDAY, Aug. 25, at 3 p.m.
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

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THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that the Cargo are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk. Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bill of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 13th August at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after August 14th, 1917 will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

R. C. MORTON, General Agent.

Hongkong, August 7, 1917. 201.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship "GREGORY APCAR,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. Agents.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE "NEDERLAND" and "ROTTERDAM LLOYD" ROYAL MAIL LINES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "ORANGE"

having arrived from SAN FRANCISCO, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after noon, the 22nd instant, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter of or before the 25th instant, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st instant, at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyor, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas. No Insurance whatsoever has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, Agents.

Hongkong, August 16, 1917. 2036.

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SHANGHAI.—Messrs. KELLY & WALKER, Ltd.

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DESTINATION STEAMERS Displacement Sailing Date.
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"SHIDZUKA MARU" (WEDNESDAY, 15th Capt. Noma, Tons 12,500 Sept. at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. "TANGO MARU" (SATURDAY, 15th Capt. Soyeda, Tons 13,500 August at 11 a.m.
"KITANO MARU" (SUNDAY, 2nd Capt. Cope, Tons 16,000 Sept. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. "HIRANO MARU" (SATURDAY, 15th Capt. Fraser, Tons 16,000 Sept. at 11 a.m.
"FUSHIMI MARU" (SATURDAY, 15th Capt. Iizawa, Tons 21,000 Sept. at 11 a.m.
"ASAHI MARU" (WEDNESDAY, 22nd Capt. Kosaka, Tons 8,000 August.

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COMPANY PARADES.
The following parades will take place at Central Station. Uniform will not be worn. Fall in at 3.45 p.m.

Monday, August 20th.—No. 3 Company.
Tuesday, August 21st.—No. 2 Platoon and Ambulance Platoon. Also No. 2 Section at Water Police Station.
Wednesday, August 22nd.—No. 1 Section.
Thursday, August 23rd.—No. 2 Company.

No exemption from these parades is to be granted except by the undersigned.

BAND PRACTICES AT 8 P.M.
Monday, August 20th, Wednesday, August 22nd, Thursday, August 23rd, Orchestra Practice on the 20th, and Music Class on the 23rd instant are hereby cancelled.

DRUMMER AND BEATERS AT 6.30 P.M.
Monday, August 20th, Wednesday, August 22nd, Monday, August 27th and Wednesday, August 29th.

ATTENTION.
Landed—No. 2 Section—P.O. 201 P.W. G. Clark. Mounted Trooper 280 H.P. S. Mack. No. 1 Section—P.O. 703 W. E. Roberts.

During the absence of Inspector A. E. S. Alves on leave, the command of No. 2 Company will be taken over by Inspector Silva Netto on 25th August, 1917.

INSPECTION THURSDAY, AUGUST 23RD.
The attention of all Chief and Staff Inspectors is called to a Notice posted at Headquarters Club.

COMMAND.
Until further orders, the undersigned will accept all Orders and continue in immediate charge of the administration of the Reserve Force.

The undersigned will attend at the P.W. (R.)'s office on each week day (excepting Saturday) from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. All communications are to be addressed to, and all interviews had in, the first place with Mr. Hough.

(Signed) T. F. Hough, A.S.P. (R.).

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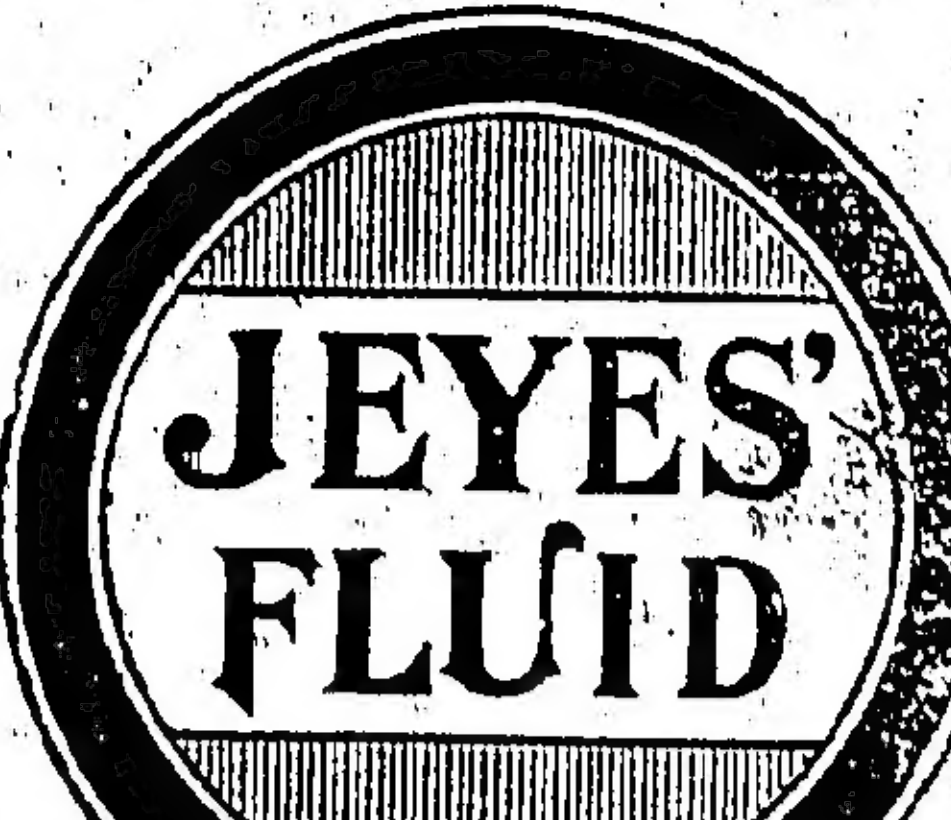
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Bank Wire ... 2/11
On demand ... 2/11
30 days' sight ... 2/11
4 months' sight ... 2/11
Credits, 4 months' sight ... 2/11
Documentary, 4 months' sight ... 2/11

On Paris—
On demand ... 104 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight ... 104 1/2
On New York—
On demand ... 60 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight ... 60 1/2
On Bombay—
On demand ... 100
On Calcutta—
On demand ... 100
On Singapore—
On demand ... 124
On Manila—
On demand ... 133 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand ... 100
30 days' sight (private paper) ... 100
On Yokohama—
On demand ... 133 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ... 29.50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) \$6.80 a. Silver (per oz.) ... 44 d.

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 21 1/2 nom.
Chinese Copper Cash ... 2 1/2 p.m.
Chinese Copper Cents ... 2 1/2 p.m.
Rate of Native Interest ... 2 1/2 p.m.
Chinese Sub. Coin ... 2 1/2 p.m.
Hongkong Sub. Coin ... par.

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Barometer ... 29.99
Temperature ... 29.70
Humidity ... 73
Direction of Wind ... SW
Force ... 2
Weather ... c
Rain ... 0.10

On date at 2 p.m. ... 29.70
On date at 5 p.m. ... 29.84

On date at 8 p.m. ... 29.80

On date at 11 p.m. ... 29.80

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Particulars of outgoing and incoming Mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all correspondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

For Week-Days ... 5.00 P.M.
Sundays & Holidays ... 8.30 A.M.

Tai O ... 5.00 P.M.
Tai Po ... 10.00 A.M.
Cheung Chow ... 7.30 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Shatankok, Sha Tin and Sheungshui ... 4.00 P.M.
Aberdeen, Aitau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin, Stanley ... 4.30 P.M.

Canton, Samsui, Wanchow, Wanchow, Wanchow ... 7.30 A.M. & 5 P.M. and Wanchow, Wanchow ... 6 P.M.

Macao ... 7.15 A.M. & 1.30 P.M.
Kongmoon ... 6.00 P.M. (except Saturdays)

Namtau and Sammei ... 5.00 P.M. & 5.00 P.M.
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Quarter hour ... 10 cents.
Half hour ... 20
One hour ... 30
Three hours ... 50
Six hours ... 70
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ... \$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour ... 0.60 cents.
Three hours ... \$1.00
Six hours ... 1.50
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ... 2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour ... \$0.15
Half hour ... 0.30
One hour ... 0.40
Two hours ... 0.50
Three hours ... 0.70
Six hours ... 1.00
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ... 1.50

IV.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes ... 5 cents.
Half hour ... 10
One hour ... 15
Every subsequent hour ... 20

Note.—If the rickshaws be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m. or be discharged to the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m. an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

V.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour ... 5 cents.
Half hour ... 10
One hour ... 15
Every subsequent hour ... 10

VI.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hirer causes the journey to take longer than—

To 4th mile—single ... 75 cents ... 1 hour.
return ... \$1.00 ... 2 hours.

Beyond 4th to 6th mile—single ... \$1.50 ... 4
return ... \$2.00 ... 5

Beyond 6th to 8th mile—single ... \$1.75 ... 5
return ... \$2.25 ... 6

Beyond 8th to 11th mile—single ... \$2.00 ... 7
return ... \$2.50 ... 8

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

Not exceeding per passenger.

From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home ... 04 cents.
From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital ... 04
From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower ... 04
From Clock Tower to Bay View House ... 12
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay ... 08

II.—In the City of Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour ... 10 cents.
Half hour ... 20
One hour ... 30
Two hours ... 60
Three hours ... 90
Four hours ... 1.20
Five hours ... 1.50
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... \$1.25

III.—Beyond Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.

One hour ... 20 cents.
Two hours ... 40
Three hours ... 60
Four hours ... 80
Five hours ... 1.00
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... \$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 17th at 11.15.—No returns from Japan or Vladivostok. Pressure has increased slightly from Shanghai to Weihaiwei, an decreased slightly to moderately at reporting stations; there is no significant change in general distribution since yesterday. At 6 a.m. this morning the typhoon was situated in Lat. 17° N., Long. 124° E. approximately, moving W.N.W.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 69.49 inches, against an average of 60.19 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 19th August:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh to strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN AUGUST.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Aug., 1917:—

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
Aug. 17th.	5.50 a.m.	7.04 p.m.
" 18th.	5.51 "	7.03 "
" 19th.	5.51 "	7.03 "
" 20th.	5.51 "	7.02 "
" 21st.	5.51 "	7.01 "
" 22nd.	5.51 "	7.00 "
" 23rd.	5.51 "	6.59 "
" 24th.	5.52 "	6.58 "
" 25th.	5.53 "	6.57 "
" 26th.	5.54 "	6.56 "
" 27th.	5.54 "	6.55 "
" 28th.	5.54 "	6.54 "
" 29th.	5.54 "	6.54 "
" 30th.	5.54 "	6.54 "
" 31st.	5.54 "	6.54 "

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

AUGUST 17, 1917.—a.m.

Station.

Hour.

Barometer at Sea Level.

Temperature.

Humidity.

Direction.

Force.

Weather.

Wetokok ... 8.5

Memuro ... 8.5

Hakodate ... 8.5

Tokio ... 8.5

Kobe ... 8.5

Nagasaki ... 8.5

Kasugabara ... 8.5

Oshima ... 8.5

Naha ... 8.5

Ishijima ... 8.5

Konjima ... 8.5

Weih